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NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE SECTION

WELCOME DOCTOR GILL

fter seven years of most exacting vice it seemed wise to lay down sceptre of administration of this nference. One comes to the end of important and responsible a piece work with the hope that what has n sought and wrought may have it enough to live after the leader.

With the Conference selection of Harley H. Gill of Sacramento r superintendent feels that the k will be continued along the structive lines laid down and with igor and determination that will new meanings into the many blems and difficulties that have fronted us in these most eventful rs. It is with great pleasure there- e that we give first place in this ue to the letter of acceptance sent Dr. Gill to the Board of Directors the Conference and we wish for n first place in the hearts and plans ministers in the many matters that l for administrative judgment. We lcome you, Dr. Gill. (The Editor)

August 24, 1929.

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rthern California Congregational Conference.

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After four weeks of prayerful con- eration, Mrs. Gill and I are con- ced that the call of the Conference the Superintendency places on us uty which we must accept. We have d misgivings as to the possession the qualifications which your com- ttee has outlined as being desir- le in the occupant of this office, but ally have yielded to the judgment d urgency of those who know me st and have decided to make the nture in faith, hoping that your ex- ctations will in some measure be alized.

The call to this work, coming unan- ously, backed up by the good wishes d pledges of support of scores of nisters and laymen, moves us deep- It is in this Conference that my ining for the ministry was received, d three of my four pastorates have en served. You have honored me peatedly, as your Moderator, as mber of the Board of Directors, and your representative to the Nation- Societies, and now as Superintend- t. My love for our churches and your pressions of confidence give me urage.

Under the reorganization which has en going on in our denomination, e opportunities, responsibilities and portance of the State Superintend- t have been greatly enlarged. In rthern California we are certain to e a phenomenal growth of popula- n. New cities and suburbs will ring up, and older cities will be- me larger. Our outlook toward the rient makes it imperative that Chris- anity shall be truly Christian in lifornia. The affairs of our Confer- nce are in excellent condition due to e splendid executive ability of Dr. . J. Minchin who has served us for veral years. These factors combine present one of the greatest oppor- nities for service in our entire fel- wship.

Therefore, praying for Divine guid- nce, relying upon the cooperation of y brethren, and seeking earnestly the united support of our churches, I accept your call and will enter upon my duties at a date to be determined in conference with your Executive Committee.

Yours in the Comradeship of Service,
HARLEY H. GILL.

IS YOUR LATCHSTRING OUT?

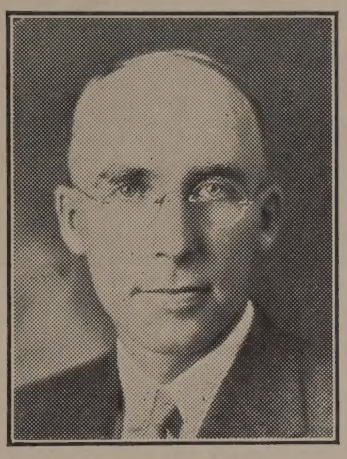
Visitors are eager to come to see you soon. Will you welcome them to your homes?

The Guest Book, published by the Commission on Missions, brings you a visit from twenty-eight people, each an outstanding example of the work being done by Congregationalists all over the world. If you have been wishing for a chance to learn more about what your representatives are doing, here is your opportunity. Each day you may entertain in your home someone—man, woman or child—who is doing something interesting and helpful and who will tell you about it. You can't help but be interested.

It is nearly as good as a trip around the world and lots cheaper. You get the real atmosphere of the different countries and cities where these people live, and the entire trip covers less than a month. And such interesting people as you meet! If you could pick and choose your visitors who actually come in the flesh, you could not have a nicer or more interesting group than those who come to you through the pages of the "Guest Book."

Ask your pastor about it. A sample copy has gone to him, and he will tell you how you can get one for yourself without it costing you a penny. Copies are already in the Conference office, ready to be mailed out as soon as the order from your pastor arrives.

MISSIONARY SPEAKER



MR. ALLEN E. McALLESTER

We are to be favored this fall with a visit from Mr. Allen E. McAllester of West Africa. Where Association meetings can be arranged we are giving them preference. We have, however, a few open dates between September 19 and October 3 and will be pleased to offer him to churches and societies. Please address the Superintendent at once if you are wishing a missionary speaker. An account of his work follows:

Using his own baby as an object lesson, Mr. Allen E. McAllester of Sachikela, West Central Africa, tours among the African kraals giving invaluable information to the eager native mothers, who discuss with surprising frankness and enthusiasm matters of baby and child care. On these tours Mr. McAllester, accompanied by his wife, has scarcely time to snatch a bite of food, so many are the questions with which he is bombarded, and the problems to be discussed by small Christian groups which gather from five or six adjoining villages and fill the school house to overflowing.

The big business, however, of Allen McAllester, who is a trained machinist as well as a farmer, is agricultural work. He takes African youths and trains them in progressive methods of farming. So well does he do this that they raise enough crops to feed the pupils in the boarding school. The problem of sufficient food is an acute one in all our African missions, and the agricultural missionary is doing a work that builds foundations for real progress in every line.

Although Mr. McAllester's special work is the directing of all agricultural operations, he also assists in the outstation work and in the station activities in Sachikela, helping in the dispensary and in the church. He also has charge of all building operations in the station.

Mr. McAllester is a graduate of Cornell University, taking his Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture. He has been in Africa since 1922.

SCHEDULE AS WE GO TO PRESS

Sunday, Sept. 22—Morning, Ceres Church.
Evening, Sacramento Church.
Tuesday, Sept. 24—Noon Luncheon—Women's Meeting, Palo Alto.
Afternoon and Evening. Bay Association at Trinity Center, San Francisco.
Wednesday, Sept. 25—Pittsburg. Evening meeting.
Thursday, Sept. 26—Petaluma. Women's luncheon.
Friday, Sept. 27—Sonoma Association at Sonoma.
Sunday, Sept. 29—Morning, North Church, Berkeley.
Evening, Alameda Church.

PROFESSOR THORPE TO TEACH AT THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL

Dr. Willard B. Thorp is to conduct the class of seniors of homiletics at the Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley during the present academic year, taking the place of President H. F. Schwartz who is spending the year in the Orient. The class meets once a week for a two hour exercise in the preparation and delivery of sermons.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

Annual Meeting at Asilomar, 1929

Seven years ago next Thursday I entered joyfully upon the great task of serving this Conference as its executive head. At the meeting of the Board of Directors held April 8, I as reluctantly resigned the position. The primary reason was that I could not afford to permanently impair my health by continuous overwork.

In all probability the past seven years have been the most prosperous, the most critical, the stormiest and the most significant seven years in the history of Northern California Congregationalism. They have been critical as other conferences and other denominations have found them critical. They have been so critical that the Institute of Social and Religious Research has made, under the direction of Mr. Charles H. Fahs, a study of eleven denominations with reference to benevolence giving in relation to local church expenses. It was an attempt to compare the earlier post-war period with the later or present period, to discover what effect, if any, Church drives had upon the steady year-after-year giving of the people.

The year 1920 was the high spot in benevolent givings in the group as a whole. That year records the greatest activity in financial campaigns and according to the report, there has been a steady decline in benevolence givings in any general way. Archbishop York has said that Christianity will not progress through the performance of stunts.

Those of us who passed through the hectic days of the Interchurch Movement are quite conscious of the reaction that followed that high pressure movement. Its effect was often thought of as little short of disastrous. It was a very doubtful value when we compare it with the steadier statesmanlike methods of missionary awakening. The "Drive" and the "Special Campaign" have gone into the museums with the old-fashioned revival and the Dodo.

The years 1918 to 1922 were influenced by that type of leadership. I came to this Conference in August, 1922. I was fully aware of the tremendous reaction that had set in against campaigning and was determined that my policy of operation should be one of careful and sound business administration, with a steady building up of capital resources and more missionary service to the dollar contributed. Through this entire period I have repressed the "campaign" idea and soft pedaled on the "drive."

As demonstration of the results that have come from such a policy I desire to call your attention to the financial tables printed in the current number of The Pacific (August). You will see at once that we have built up our free and available capital from $65,072.11 in 1923 to $119,119.98 at the end of 1928, to which should be added a $1,000 legacy just received from the Mrs. R. K. Ham estate. That is an increase of 84.7 per cent in free and available capital. Aside from this we have segregated capital to the amount of over $50,000 to protect annuities or conditional gifts.

A further demonstration of these policies is shown in the actual service of the missionary dollar. The year

1923 was abnormal in this as in other matters. In that year we had to take fifteen cents out of every dollar contributed, in addition to income from free capital. In 1924 we credited capital with twenty-two cents. Since then we have not had to charge over four cents a year for operation, due to the very strict methods of administration. Normally and actually we have increased our missionary service from $11,968 in 1923 to $19,058 in 1928, an increase of over $7000 a year. Here is the indication of service rendered—more fields served and more service for the missionary dollar.

Still another demonstration of the policy I have pursued is to be found in the increase in benevolence giving. From $49,936 in 1922, with the full impulse of the campaigning methods behind it, we have gone to a high of $60,596. In any study of our benevolence figures, one should deduct $9,815 from the 1923 total. There was a regrettable error then, due to a triple reporting of the woman's work. The normal figure for that year should be $54,755.

Despite the general decline in benevolence giving, as reported by the Institute of Social and Religious Research, we have made a distinct gain of nearly $10,000 a year in our contributions during this six year period.

Our policy is thoroughly justified by these records. We show larger giving—a much enlarged missionary service—a lower operating cost and an outstanding increase in interest bearing securities. The increase has been normal, healthy and stable enough to insure similar advance.

In the matter of membership we have not fared so well, though we have made a net gain of 727, despite the fact that we have lost through abandoned churches and vigorous pruning on the part of two or three churches a number nearly as large. Our annual accessions have been from 1,400 to 1,932. The losses are quite alarming. In our process of liquidation we have a net loss of 28 churches. Most of them had been dead a long time. Yet we have the largest membership in our history. It is 18,605. We stand fifteenth in size of membership. You will see that it is one of the smaller conferences of the constituent states.

I referred to it as the stormiest period. It is always stormy when the processes of liquidation, consolidation, coordination and conservation of forces and funds is the program and policy. We have had to combine executive offices of Bay Association and Conference—to take in to the Conference office the editing and publishing of The Pacific—to take over the Northern California work of the American Board and the A.M.A.—to take over the Religious Education department, and such part of the woman's work as we can do. We have had to be the general depository, for the coast, of literature and slides and be the clearing house for many matters belonging to the Commission on Missions and the National Council. Most of the storms center around these matters. None of these changes have been free from a storm period. There are a few other matters with lesser stress but these are the main periods of stress and strain.

I referred to these years as being critical years. I fear they have been the most critical in the history of recent centuries. We have had with us the great fundamentalist-modernist debate—with both parties there has been much that was evil in disposition and noble in character.

We have had the great tendencies toward federation of churches and denominations. It has meant much waste of energy and loss of high aim. Many men have been content with showing a progress due to realignment of religious forces. There has been comparatively little production of new material. Not much that corresponds with the former age in its winning of souls and the awakening of those who had fallen away. This situation is far more critical than I have time to report. Federations have saved the reputation of some ministers and the faces of some church laymen.

In many churches we have found ourselves out of touch with youth. We are just beginning to realize that the survival of religion requires a more serious thoughtfulness of the new world in which we live and the part youth must play in the next generation. No longer is there anything to correspond with our former ideals of a fundamental religious experience.

We lay much to the automobile, the radio, the movie and the schools. If they are true factors, we must face this new world with an abler leadership than is presenting itself at the doors of our conference offices. There is so little that is compelling in the latest products of our schools. That is why I deem it the most critical period in many generations.

The past seven years have been significant. They have demonstrated the tendency toward centralization of all enterprises — commercial, industrial, educational and religious. Bigger stores, bigger factories, bigger universities, bigger churches. The public is getting used to syndicated material, chain stores, chain banks, chain service of many kinds. People, generally, go where the crowd goes. The large churches are growing larger, the small churches smaller. The large church can provide a higher grade ministry, better religious education, better music, better equipment and make fewer demands upon the harrassed individual. Here is a trend we cannot govern. It is high time we were adjusting ourselves to the very well defined movement toward the larger church.

The age is also significant in its tendency to break with tradition. While not a healthy sign it is very characteristic. In its place we must put a more vital religious appeal than orthodoxy offers. The men who know how to do it get the following of youth. Theology, philosophy, psychology, new thought, old thought, even lack of thought, will get a following. The men needed for this hour are the ones who can make better characters, instill higher ideals.

This Conference is to go forward. It cannot afford to go back to the early post-war period any more than to go back to a pre-war period. It must and will increase its service to the churches and communities. It cannot exist at the expense of those who are on the front line doing the great sacrificial work in small communities at pitifully small salaries. There must be more missionary service or the early abandonment of the rural churches. There will surely be a lessening number of preaching centers in our big cities and more Sunday School and social welfare agencies.

There are two matters of outstanding significance that would warrant greater emphasis than those referred to—one is the growing interest in internationalism and international questions (The Commonwealth Club). The other is the increasing demand for a loyalty to constitutional law as well as a new loyalty to our Christian faith. These tendencies give promise of a new awakening that may recapture the great underlying purposes in Christianity. They may change the character of missionary endeavor and appeal. They will surely make clear issue on matters of law enforcement. Briefly, and in summary, we will see less denominationalism and more consolidation of church activity. We will catch the imagination of the Christian world with new loyalties, brought in as they are to displace the waning support we have given to denominational enterprises. We will thrust new meanings into organization and methods, making them the servants rather than the masters of our higher emotions.

Perhaps I should have spoken of the past only. The past is history and the policies and methods of the past have their reward. The future, like the past, can be studied, its needs can be forecast, and the proper programs launched.

In closing I wish to pay tribute to those who have been so much help to me in the office, our treasurer, Mr. Cole, our secretary, Mrs. Gillman, our bookkeeper, Mr. Best. Much of the credit of good things belongs to them. I wish, as well, to record my appreciation of all directors, trustees, pastors and others who have given generously of their time to the Conference, and so much of their support to me personally. It has been a joy to labor for the cause. "The hidden issues of the future are with the Eternal, our God, but the unfolded, the unwrapped, the undisclosed issued are with us and with our children to unfold, unwrap and disclose."

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM J. MINCHIN,
Superintendent.

(Published by vote of Conference)

NEWS

From Federation of Congregational Women of Northern California

The monthly meeting was held in First Congregational Church, Oakland, August 15. It was well attended and a good program was presented. Dr. Alma Cooke, home for a brief period, was an interesting speaker, as she brought the latest news of her work in China. She plans to return to China this fall.

Miss Alice Towne, an outgoing missionary to the Philippine Islands, was most interesting in her talk on her work.

The resignation of Miss Mary Farnham as Corresponding Secretary was accepted with deep regret. No one has been appointed to take this office.

The office of Associational President of Modoc County, resigned by Mrs. John Shoemaker, is to be filled by Mrs. Horton Colbert of Alturas.

That of Association President of Santa Clara, resigned by Mrs. J. T. Richards, is to be filled by Mrs. George C. Savage of San Jose.

The fall meeting of the Federation is to be held September 19 at San Mateo in the Congregational Church, of which Rev. Charles Luther Kloss is the minister. Mrs. T. T. Giffen, recently elected Moderator of the Congregational Conference, will be the guest of honor for the day. A good program is assured. Devotionals will be led by Mrs. Gould; Dr. Kloss will give an inspirational talk; Mrs. Drury will speak for the Young People, and there will be full reports from the Conference at Asilomar.

M. E. Haswell.

PASTORAL CHANGES

Rev. J. R. Shoemaker closed his work at Fort Bidwell August 1 and has accepted a call to Calvary, Oakland, where he is already at work.

Rev. W. H. Youngman closed his pastorate at Kenwood and Glen Ellen on the last Sunday in August and began work at Cloverdale on the following Sunday.

Rev. B. Dent Naylor closed his work at Sebastopol to accept a call to Portersville. A news item to this effect will be found in another column.

Rev. James H. Price of the Pacific School of Religion has been called to Fairfax and is at work.

Rev. A. W. Seebart of Niles has been called to Columbus, Montana, and has left for his new field of labor.

Rev. Clarence H. Stevens has been asked by the Redwood City church to act as a stated supply for quite extended period.

Pilgrim, Armenian, Fresno was lighted to welcome Rev. M. G. P zian back from the leave of abse granted him a year ago. He has b doing special work with the Ar nians over the entire country most gratifying results.

First Church, San Francisco, called Mr. David Gill, layman, t most definite and exacting task in work of this great Congregational terprise in the heart of San Franci He is brother to Dr. H. H. Gill Sacramento.

In another column will be found announcement of the acceptance Dr. Harley H. Gill of the supe tendency of this Conference. He th by resigns his work in Sacrame effective November 30.

PASTOR IS BUSY

Rev. George E. Atkinson of Ce Church acted as chaplain for week-end Rally of Stanislaus-Mer C. E. Union at Crows' Landing Aug 24 and 25. Mr. Atkinson is Confere representative to the state C. Union.

BENEVOLENCES

Jan. 11-Aug. 31, 1929

Adin	$ 7
Alameda First	13
Alturas	4
Berkeley First	5,09
Berkeley North	1,02
Berkeley Park	9
Campbell	11
Ceres	37
Cloverdale	23
Cotati	3
Crockett	9
Eureka	18
Fairfax	3
Ferndale	10
Fresno First	42
Grass Valley	7
Lockeford	1
Lodi First	94
Los Gatos	3
Martinez	15
Murphys	3
Niles	5
Oakland First	4,02
Oakland Olivet	8
Oakland Pilgrim	24
Oakland Plymouth	39
Orland	3
Oroville	14
Pacific Grove	27
Palo Alto	1,12
Paradise	5
Petaluma	20
Pittsburg	5
Porterville	6
Redwood City	35
Reno, Nev.	23
Rio Vista	1
Ripon	1
Sacramento	43
Salida	1
San Francisco Bethany	15
" Calvary	2
" First	1,00
" Richmond	5
San Jose	72
San Leandro	3
San Mateo	1
Santa Cruz	656
Santa Rosa First	32
Saratoga	352
Sebastopol	29
Sonoma	175
Stockton	1,047
Tulare	138
Weaverville	15
Williams	14
Woodside	87
Miscellaneous	2,603
	$24,575
1928	$24,268
1929	24,575

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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE SECTION

10TH ANNUAL YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONFERENCE SUCCESSFUL

The Pomona College campus arose from the lethargy of a quiet summer vacation to the normal activity of academic life when 240 Congregational young people of Southern California gathered on its lawns and in its buildings on June 29 for a week's conference. The men's and women's dormitories were filled almost to capacity, while tennis courts, swimming pool, college commons, and athletic fields were pressed into service to aid in carrying out the well-rounded program of Conference events.

Since the completion of the Guild Hall of the Claremont Church, adjacent to the campus, the classes, chapel services, committee meetings, rehearsals, etc., of the annual Conference have been held in that splendidly equipped building. The atmosphere of this church structure has proved most helpful in upholding the purpose of the Conference, which is primarily to inspire and teach our young people in the "Quest for Truth, as taught and lived by Jesus." This purpose is achieved through classes taught by carefully chosen leaders from among the pastors, professors, and laymen of Congregationalism — leaders who understand and love youth, and are willing to fellowship with the students as well as to teach. Some of the courses of study during the recent Conference were these: "China, A Roundtable Discussion" led by a Chinese student), "Problems of Home Life," "Building a Creed for Modern Young People," A Project in Worship," Biblical Biography," "Where the Cross Meets the Crescent," "Contemporary Revolutions in Morals," "The Gospel Around the World."

Social values at the Pomona College Conference are attainable in the fact that it is student-controlled, with adults acting as advisers. A student council was elected this year on the opening day of the Conference, which developed and directed the policies of the week's gathering. The daily chapel services were planned and conducted by young people, with their own choir participating; a daily paper was published, and dramatics prepared by a special class in that subject. A free hour in the morning was designated for informal discussions with teachers, or special projects that needed extra time. Flexibility and adaptability were maintained throughout the program.

Perhaps the outstanding feature of the 1929 Conference was its interracial flavor. Representatives of the Japanese, Chinese, Armenian, and Negro churches of Southern California were present. But of special interest and delight to the young people was the presence of Miss Chie Koide, who came as a special goodwill delegate from Japan to the Conference. Much talking about international goodwill is indulged in at summer conferences today, but here was real demonstration of Christian friendship; for Miss Koide was the real "theme" of the 1929 Conference. Beloved by the young people, and presented with an opal ring at the closing luncheon, Miss Koide paid a high tribute to American youth in her farewell speech, "Most of all I notice your liveliness in games and fun, and your change to quiet reverence in the most beautiful communion service that I have ever attended."

Miss Koide summarized in a few word the true spirit of the 10th Annual Young People's Conference of Southern California. There was "fun and quiet reverence," and a sense of values that made for earnest participation in both at the proper time for each. This is the spirit of the church's youth today.

M.E.M. CONFERENCE AT ASILOMAR

The Missionary Education Conference, held at Asilomar-by-the-Sea, early in July, was well attended by a picked group of people from different denominations, from all over the State of California. The total enrollment was one hundred and thirty-four. The Christians and Congregationalists tied for first place with 39 delegates from each denomination. The Presbyterians were third with 16, and the Baptists had 12, with scattering registrations from other denominations.

The program was an exceptionally fine one. The morning chapel devotional period, lead by the Ven. Noel Porter, was outstanding. Mr. and Mrs. Fuller, missionaries for Siam, who acted as host and hostess for the young people's group, left a very deep impression on not only the young people, but on all who attended the conference and came in contact with them. Plans for the coming year are now under consideration and it is hoped that next year there will be a bigger and better conference than ever before.

Mission Study 1929-1930.

General Topic: The World Mission of Christianity.

BOOKS:

Roads to the City of God (Adult and Young People). Cloth, $1.00; paper, 50 cents.

From Jerusalem to Jerusalem (Adult and Young People). Cloth, 75 cents; paper, 50 cents.

All in a Day's Work (Young People). Cloth, $1.00; paper, 60 cents.

Seven Thousand Emeralds. (Intermediates). Cloth, $1.00; paper, 75 cents.

Going to Jerusalem (Juniors). Cloth, 75 cents; paper, 50 cents.

The City's Church (Home Book) Adult and Young People. Cloth $1.50; paper, 75 cents.

The Crowded Ways (Adult and Young People). Cloth $1.00; paper, 60 cents.

Blind Spots (Young People). Cloth, $1.00; paper, 60 cents.

Pioneers of Good Will (Intermediates). Cloth, $1.00; paper, 75 cents.

Jewels the Giant Dropped (Juniors). Cloth, $1.00; paper, 75 cents).

Good News Across the Continent (Intermediates). Paper, 50 cents.

Human Needs and World Christianity (Adults and Young People) Cloth, $1.50; paper, 75 cents).

Rafael and Consuelo (Primary) Cloth, $1.00; paper, 75 cents.

Please send orders for the above books to the oCngregational Book Room, 606 Spreckels Building, 714 South Hill Street, Los Angeles. All books are in stock and orders will be executed promptly.

Association Meetings

Los Angeles Association, Tuesday, October 15, at Sierra Madre.

San Bernardino Association, Wednesday, October 9, at Highland.

San Diego Association, Thursday, October 17, National City.

Kern Association: (Time and place not yet known)

In addition to the officers of the Conference, we will have as our missionary representative, Mr. Allen E. McAllester of West Central Africa, for our Association Meetings. (Please note Mr. McAllester is not a minister, and is an expert in agriculture.) He will serve Southern California October 7-18, inclusive, and we can expect from him very practical information and an interesting point of view of missionary work.

ACCIDENT TO JAPANESE PASTOR

Some time during the first of July, Rev. J. J. Nakamura, pastor of the San Diego Japanese church, was returning from a little missionary Sunday School near Mission Beach, when his car was run into by the Los Angeles stage. Mrs. Nakamura, who was with him, was thrown nearly twenty feet and sustained quite serious injuries to her back and hip. Mr. Nakamura himself escaped with several severe bruises. Fortunately, the car was covered by insurance so that they sustained little financial loss, though the car was a total wreck.

During their convalescence, they received calls from sympathizing Japanese friends. Sometimes as many as thirty visitors in one day would come to extend their good wishes. Many of these people were Buddhists whom Mr. Nakamura had been unable to reach in his work. So he took this opportunity of doing as much evangelistic work with them as possible. He gave them each a little tract and talked to them about Christ. Now that he is well he is planning to make the rounds returning the calls made on him while he was sick. He prepared a little booklet telling of the Christian attitude toward sickness, and the comfort that comes through Christ. He has fixed this up in a dainty manner as a present to give to each one. Thus he is making a real evangelistic opportunity to reach Japanese, out of an accident that might have been very serious.

NEWS ITEMS

Rev. Albert D. Stauffacher, D. D., of Claremont, has been appointed, by the Cabinet Acting for the Prudential Committee, as one of the representatives of the American Board on the Committee of the Southern California Conference for the administration of the Mexico Mission, to succeed Dr. James A. Blaisdell, recently resigned.

Rev. A. P. Orth of Los Angeles, this summer pastor at Alpine, reports: "We now have about $800 toward a new church, and have a membership of 22 and about 45 enrolled in the Sunday School". There is every reason to believe that Alpine is a worth while field and contributions (no matter how small) will be gratefully received in behalf of Alpine in order that the good work may be carried on. Please send donations to Mr. Fred M. Wilcox, Treasurer, 714 So. Hill Street, Los Angeles.

West Hollywood (Sherman), Rev. E. Ellsworth Smith, pastor, is rejoicing over the fact that on Sunday, July 21, 1929, a forward step was taken in the history of that church and of the religious and community life of that part of West Hollywood served by this church organization, that assures the erection of a new, modern church building and a social and recreational hall. It has been announced that if $10,000 could be raised the recreational hall could be built and that if $20,000 were pledged a new church auditorium could be erected as well. Many thought the movement ill advised at this time of the year, with the weather oppressive, with a large number of people away for the vacation season and with business conditions not the best. But the need was pressing and a few men of faith rallied around the pastor and declared it could be done. They now lack $843 of $20,000 in personal pledges. The Ladies Aid and other societies have pledged $2,000, making $21,517 in all. The temple contemplated is of Spanish design, and the recreational hall will have accommodations for social, athletic and dramatic entertainments that will make it both a church center and a community center for the youth of this section of West Hollywood.

Dr. Carl S. Patton will begin his services at the First Church, Los Angeles, Sunday, October 6.

The Semi-Annual Meeting of the Congregational Church Extension Society of Los Angeles will be held on Friday, October 11, 1929, in the Wilshire Blvd. Congregational Church. Social hour 6:00 to 6:30 P. M.; dinner at 6:30 in the Gunsaulus Hall, followed by two-minute reports from the churches. Cards will be sent to the pastors for distribution in the near future. Please save the date so that we may have a large and representative attendance.

Board of Directors—The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on Tuesday, September 10, in the Parlor of the First Congregational Church, Los Angeles, with Committees at 9:00 A. M. and the full Board at 9:45 A. M.

Miss Helen Phelps, formerly Director of Religious Education at the Oneonta Congregational Church was married on Tuesday, August 27, to Rev. John E. Hester, until recently a teacher at Talladega College, Talladega, Alabama. Miss Phelps has many friends in California in general and Pasadena in particular, and all join in hearty congratulations and felicitations to Mr. and Mrs. Hester. We hope they will abide in Southern California for many years.

Dr. Kenngott, who has been spending his summer vacation at Isle-au-Haut, Maine, will, on his way back to Los Angeles, on Sunday, September 1, preach at Newport, New Hampshire, commemorating the 150th Anniversary of the organization of the Congregational Church there. Dr. Kenngott was ordained at the Congregational Church in Newport and a still greater event endears the place to him for Dr. and Mrs. Kenngott were married there.

Correction—We wish to correct the list of the members of the Conference Commisison on Young People's Work published in the last issue. The members are as follows: Rev. Holland F. Burr, chairman; Rev. Sidney H. Buckham; Rev. W. G. Pierce; Mrs. E. D. Gaylord; Miss Mabel Hawthorne; Mrs. John Hester (formerly Miss Phelps) Rev. John R. Lyons; Mr. C. A. Wolf; and Mr. Gustavus Schneider. The above members are requested to meet in the Congregational Office, 606 Spreckels Building, Los Angeles, on Monday, September 16, at 10 o'clock, notices for which will be sent out in due season. Please save the date.

PERSONALIA

Resignations

Rev. H. C. Culbertson, Plymouth, Los Angeles.
Rev. W. W. Johnston, Ramona.
Rev. Charles L. Knight, LaJolla.
Rev. W. B. Pinkerton, Nuevo.
Rev. F. C. Reid, Western Knoll, Los Angeles.
Rev. LaRue C. Watson, Avalon.
Rev. Lowell A. Young, Venice.

Calls

Rev. H. C. Culbertson, Plymouth, Los Angeles, to assistant pastorate, Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles.
Rev. Charles L. Knight, LaJolla to Ontario. At work.
Rev. Lowell A. Young, Venice to San Bernardino. At work.
Rev. Philip K. Swartz, Saticoy to Venice. At work.

Vacancies

Avalon	Poway
La Jolla	Ramona
Lawndale	Rincon
Plymouth, Los Angeles	Saticoy
	Western Knoll, Los Angeles.

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READING CIRCLE

It is nearing the time for the Reading Circle books to be sent out. If you desire to be enrolled in the Reading Circle, please notify Miss Dorothy Doyle, office secretary, 714 South Hill Street, Los Angeles, before September 21. The books will be circulated October 1.

Dedication

Sunday, September 15, Kensington Heights, San Diego, Rev. F. J. Sanders, pastor. Dr. Kenngott will take charge of the morning service and also take part in the afternoon service at 3:00 P. M.

THE FALL MEETING OF THE BAY ASSOCIATION

of Congregational Churches and Ministers
with
Mission Park and Bethany Congregational Churches at Trinity Center, San Francisco, California

Tuesday, September 24, 1929

Professor John Wright Buckham, D. D., Moderator

AFTERNOON SESSION

3:00 Worship.....Rev. John R. Shoemaker
3:15 Address of Welcome.....Rev. Norman W. Pendleton
3:30 Impressions of the National Council Meeting.....Rev. Harvey V. Miller
3:45 Business. Report of Committee on Revision of the Constitution. Action on Amendments, etc.
4:45 Address—"The Oriental Christ".....Mr. Manilal Perekh of Central India
5:15 Address.....Allen E. McAllester of West Africa
5:45 Convention and Fellowship.

6:30 DINNER PROGRAM

In honor of Rev. Dr. and Mrs. William J. Minchin
Rev. Dr. Thomas T. Giffen, Presiding

EVENING SESSION

8:00 Evening Worship.....Conducted by Bethany and Mission Park Churches
8:29 Illustrated Address—"Finding a Buried City", Professor William F. Bade, D.D.

Benediction by the Moderator.

Reservations for the Dinner at fifty cents should be made by name through Mrs. Eva Rentschler, 17 Scott Street, before September 21. **Positively no dinner tickets will be sold and no dinners will be served to any but those whose names are on the reservation list.**

Directions for Reaching Trinity Center, Twenty-third Street near Mission. From Ferry Station, take Mission Street car to Twenty-third Street; then walk one block east to Capp. From any section of San Francisco, transfer to Mission Street car.

All are urged to be present promptly at 3:00 o'clock. The program is short and compact and is important from the very beginning.

ON THE FOREIGN FIELD

Smyrna Turkey, July 12, 1929.

Dear Friends:

I expect I might write a more interesting summer letter later, but then it might not get written at all, so it is better to send now, and then what account I can put together on the way for the rest of the summer can go on to you all in the fall. For I am expecting to start out the 21st for Europe, going first to Trieste, then Vienna and then to the Conference on New Education in Denmark. After that there will be a little while that is not definitely planned for before I plan to be back here for the opening of school.

School closed June 22nd. We had no graduating class this year, and no big final entertainment. We tried the experiment of having a number of smaller entertainments and inviting smaller groups each time at intervals through the year, and it worked very well, too, in some ways, we had a chance to meet our guests a bit personally, but take it on the whole I think people felt there was something lacking out of the school year, without the big one, and I feel sure the sum total of work is, if anything, more with a larger number so I imagine we shall go back to the other system. Probably if we had one big entertainment for everybody and then in the course of the year called at all the homes it would solve the problem better. I am glad we can say though that every one of the mothers has been invited either to our house or to the school for tea this year.

Our spring was quite profoundly affected by athletic events of one kind and another. In the first place the secondary schools athletic association put on just as hectic a program as last year, that is they attempted too many events, and they changed the dates for these events constantly, so that you really could not attempt to have anything else arranged because at the last minute it was sure to collide with a match, or with the use of our grounds for two visiting schools to play a match. On top of all this, which can most of it be put down to youthful inexperience in arranging affairs, there developed a strong and bitter partisan feeling on the part of the Boys' Normal School, whose director is rather chauvinistic, and really came to a climax in a match game of volley ball on our grounds between the Normal and International College. I merely mention all this because of what developed afterward. Not only did our own school play a basket ball game with the Girls' Lycee marked by such restraint that it was demure, not to say depressing, although we won a championship cup by it, but the rest of the schools in the association felt that the situation demanded radical treatment and dissolved the association at the end of the year. I don't know what will happen next year, the chairman of the faculty advisory committee, I understand, has said he will not have anything to do with the association if the Normal school stays in. So you see there is a decided sentiment in favor of fair play and sportsmanship, though it takes a good while for the idea to work itself out thoroughly. Then, for the first time in history, Robert College athletes came down and played a series of matches with the International boys, basket-ball, volley ball, track meet, and football (Association). The International boys won the basket-ball and football, and made a very good showing in the track, which I think was rather a surprise, as Robert College has more older boys to pick from and more chances to compete with outside teams. I went over to the track meet which was really very exciting. As an allied topic I might mention that they held a children's health contest this spring, and from the eight groups of ages that were examined our girls won three. We also participated in the Sport Festival parade at the city stadium, and looked very well gotten up as to uniform, etc.

The second Bairam came quite late in May, and we had a short vacation. I made some calls, all on people I did not get to the earlier Bairam. As a form of celebration Miss Hinman and I went to Sardis.

I have been so busy since school stopped that I wonder how I ever went away right after it closed. Perhaps every summer would not need to have so many jobs in it, for there have been delays and recommitments about our building petition, which went in and then came back to us, and the final work on our new program and petition for lycee grade is only now getting finished, and then there are always lots of clearings up, which I have done before when I got home in August. I am truly convinced that it is a good plan to have some one here all the time, and with the exception of only a week or so the weather has not been bad at all. I expect Miss Green back either just before I leave or just after. Mabel Pihl has returned to America, or rather is returning, via Europe. Ruth Hitchings goes to Europe in a few days, shortly before I do. Miss Greene and Miss Hinman are in Constantinople. For once I had quite a celebration for my birthday, it was on a Friday and the Vali and the anti-tuberculosis society had arranged an excursion to popularize a possible health resort in the mountains. The Vali, who is quite fond of road building, has built a wonderful road up to this place, or rather places, there are two villages. I don't know how it will stand the winter storms, or where they will get any money to repair it, but this summer it is fine, and I guess by next it will still be passable. Dr. Reed and I went on the excursion. We had a special train to Eudemish, about three hours going that way, and there took autos. Eudemish is quite a prosperous fig-growing center and there are several boys from there at the college. You begin the climb at the village of Birgay, and go up to something like six thousand feet. This part used to be done on horse-back. As a matter of fact one reason we are anxious to go was because in the old days before the war the Smyrna missionaries used to go up to this second village, Boz Dagh, which is right under the peak of that name and really has wonderful air. The village was all destroyed in the Greco-Turkish war, but has been rebuilt now and really I should love to renew the tradition and go up for part of the summer next year. Living is cheap in the villages, and the people are so friendly and interesting. This region was the haunt of the brigand chief Chokoji, who, I understand, was quite a friend of the missionaries when they used to go up. But those days have passed away.

I think there is nothing more out of the ordinary for this times record I will try to get a good one ready for next time.

Ever sincerely,
EDITH F. PARSONS.

REV. ARTHUR BUNCE LEAVES CALIFORNIA

Rev. Arthur Bunce has been ordered by his medical advisers to make a complete change to Arizona, spending the winter there in the dry air and higher altitude in the hope that it may be beneficial, as his case has latterly been at a standstill. The Bunces have left the Sanatorium at Belmont, after four and a half years there, and are taking the thousand mile journey by easy stages, resting en route at Santa Cruz, Santa Barbara, Pasadena, and intend to arrive in Tucson, Arizona, about October. Letters should be sent care Mr. Alex Logie, 260 California St., San Francisco, to be forwarded.

Sunday School workers should write to Mr. Bunce about his special offer to them of his book of talks to children "The Boy Who Wanted to Fly."

HONORING THE NAYLORS

Mr. and Mrs. Naylor were tendered a farewell reception in the church parlors Friday evening by the members of the Sebastopol Church and other friends in the community.

During the course of the program L. G. Scott, acting as master of ceremonies, on behalf of his fellow members of the church, presented Mr. Naylor with a beautifully engraved gold watch and Mrs. Naylor with 50 dollars in gold. A social hour and refreshments followed the formal program, in which a number took part.

During their residence of thirteen years in Sebastopol, Mr. and Mrs. Naylor have been prominently identified with every activity aimed at community betterment and have become such an integral part of the community that their friends have found it difficult to say farewell. They take with them to their new pastorate in Porterville the best wishes and esteem of all who know them.

REVISION DAY IS AT HAND

Last spring we sent out from the office to all the pastors, lists of subscribers to The Pacific, asking that a representative be appointed in each church to handle renewals and receive new subscriptions. Our request has met with a hearty response.

However, if you were absent at the time this call was made, we are giving you another opportunity to renew now. We know that you don't want to miss the news you receive in The Pacific each month, so we are holding off our revision of the lists for the balance of this month, and would ask that, if the date marked on this copy of your paper shows your subscription to have expired, you will send your renewal in to this office promptly. The subscription price is only 25c a year.

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